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# SWAHILI - ENGLISH

## A

abiria (34) - passenger.
abudu (31) - worship.
acha (15) - leave off, leave.
adui (15) - enemy.
afisi (48) - office.
Afrika ya Mashariki (14) - East Africa.
afya (37) - health.
agiza (50) - order, order goods.
Agosti (32) - August.
aina (24) - variety, types.
ajali (34) - accident.
-ake (26) - his, hers.
akiba (48) - reserve, surplus, savings.
akili (49) - knowledge, cleverness, intelligence.
-ako (26) - your, yours.
alama (28) - mark, sign.
alama ya cheo (43) - insignia.
Alhamisi (31) - Thursday.
amini (33) - believe, trust.
-aminifu (27) - faithful.
aminika (46) - trusted.
amkia (36) - greet.
amri (18) - order, command.
amrisha (42) - order. (v.)
amua (33) - judge. (v.)
andika (22) - write.
angalia (10) - look, watch.
-angu (26) - my, mine.
angusha (51) - knock down, drop.
antena (54) - antenna.
anwani (29) - address.
anza (14) - begin.
-ao (26) - their.
Aprili (32) - April
arobaini (22) - 40, forty.
asante (2) - thank you.
askari (12) - soldier.
aspirini (51) - aspirin.
asubuhi (10) - morning.

## B

baada ya (15) - after (adverb of time).
baadaye (30) - by and by, in a little while.
baba (1) - father.
badala ya (52) - instead of, in place of.
badilisha (46) - change (v.).
bado (30) - not yet.
bahari (47) - sea, ocean.
baharia (47) - seaman, sailor.
bahasha (29) - envelope.
baisikeli (46) - bicycle.
baki (17) - remain, left over.
bakshishi (50) - tip, gratuity, dole.
bandari (47) - port, harbor.
barabara (14) - main road, highway.
barafu (52) - ice.
baridi (17) - cold.
barua (29) - letter.
baruti (18) - explosive, gun powder.
bastola (41) - pistol, revolver.
-baya (4) - bad, evil.
beba (25) - carry.
bega (41) - shoulder.
bei (20) - price.
beneti (16) - bayonet.
beteri (46) - battery. (car)
bia (50) - beer (European).
bibi (39) - Mrs., mistress.
bidii (16) - effort.
bila (18) - without.
binzari (50) - curry.
-bivu (50) - ripe.
blanketi (43) - blanket.
boma (49) - fortified enclosure, fort.
bombom (18) - machine gun.
bomoa (23) - break down, demolish.
bonde (49) - valley.
bora (49) - best, advisable.
buluu (22) - blue.
bunduki (12) - rifle, gun.
bure (35) - for nothing.
burudika (37) - be refreshed.
bwana (39) - Mr., Master.

## C

-chache (9) - few, some.
chai (3) - tea.
chakula (5) - food, something to eat.
chakula cha mwisho (50) - dessert.
chama (44) - association.
changanya (25) - mix.
chawa (43) - louse.
cheka (6) - laugh.
cheki (22) - check, check book.
chelewa (10) - be late, delay.
chelezo (49) - raft, buoy.
cheza (4) - play.
chini chini (51) - dishonest, underhand.
chini ya (7) - under, underneath.
choka (48) - be tired.
choma (23) - burn.
chombo (19) - tool, utensil, vessel.
choo (43) - latrine.
chora (35) - draw, draw a picture.
chukua (8) - carry, transport.
chuma (41) - steel, iron.
chumba (15) - room, cabin.
chungua (18) - observe. (v.)
chungwa (38) - orange.
chupa (50) - bottle.

## D

dada (8) - sister.
dai (33) - demand.
dakika (30) - minute.
daktari (21) - doctor.
damu (25) - blood.
daraja (18) - bridge.
darubini (18) - binoculars.
dawa (21) - medicine, drugs.
Desemba (32) - December.
dhani (33) - think, suppose, surmise.
dhoruba (47) - storm.
diditii (43) - DDT.
dira (35) - compass.
dirisha (34) - window.
dispensari (21) - dispensary.
-dogo (2) - small, little.
dreva (dereva) (34) - driver.
duara (55) - circle.
duka (9) - store, shop.
dunia (54) - world.

## E

Effendi (12) - Sir.
-ekundu (22) - red.
elekea (35) - point, go in a direction.
elekeza (47) - steer toward, lead in a direction.
eleza (40) - explain, make clear.
elimishwa (48) - be educated.
-ema (4) - good.
-embamba (11) - thin, narrow.
embe (38) - mango (fruit).
enda zake (51) - go his way.
endelea (24) - continue, carry on.
endesha (26) - drive, make something go.
eneo (52) - area.
Entebbe (14) - town in Uganda.
-enu (26) - yours (pl.).
-enye (25) - having, possessing.
enyewe (17) - himself.
-epesi (29) - light in weight, easy.
eropleni (29) - airplane, bird.
-etu (26) - our.
-eupe (22) - white.
-eusi (22) - black.

## F

faa (17) - be suitable.

fagia (8) - sweep.
fahamu (45) - understand.
faida (25) - profit, gain, advantage.
fanana (26) - resemble each other, be similar.
fanusi (45) - lantern.
fanya (3) - do, make.
fanya haraka (10) - hurry up.
fanya kazi (4) - work (v.).
farasi (52) - horse.
faulu (15) - succeed.
Februari (32) - February.
fika (14) - arrive.
fuata (12) - follow.
fuatana (13) - follow one another.
fuga (25) - raise(raise cattle).
fukuza (18) - drive away.
fundisha (4) - teach, instruct.
funga (3) - shut.
funga mizigo (14) - pack (v.).
fungua (3) - open.
fungua mkutano (44) - open a meeting.
-fupi (2) - short.
furaha (13) - joy, happiness, gladness.
furahi (6) - be glad.
furika (53) - flood over, overflow.
fyatua (18) - pull trigger.
fyeka (35) - cut, clear.

G

gani (4) - what kind, what sort.
gari la moshi (36) - train, railroad.
gawanya (49) - divide.
gazeti (34) - papers, periodical.
gereji (46) - garage.
geuka (51) - turn about.
ghafla (23) - suddenly.
ghali (20) - expensive.
gharama (48) - expenses.
ghasia (23) - turmoil, upheaval.
gia (46) - gear.
girisi (46) - grease.
giza (45) - darkness.
gogo (41) - log.
gongana (34) - bump each other, collide with each other.
gongwa (34) - be crashed, hit.
-gumu (49) - hard, difficult.

H

habari (8) - news, information.
hadithi (19) - story.
haikosi (54) - without fail, without a doubt.
haki (33) - right, justice.
hakikisha (46) - make sure.
hakimu (33) - judge.
hakuna (29) - there is (are) not.
halafu (7) - afterwards, then.
hali (32) - state, condition.
hali ya nchi (52) - terrain, condition of country.
hama (17) - move, transfer.(v.)
handaki (12) - trench.
haribu (23) - destroy.
hasa (22) - especially.
hasara (52) - a loss, damage.
hata (2) - and also, even.
hatari (35) - danger.
haya (10) - come on!
hema (12) - tent.
hesabu (18) - count, number.
hiari (55) - free will.
hitaji (16) - require, need.
hivyo (30) - thus, manner.
hodari (13) - brave, outstanding.
Hodi (9) - Hodi.
hoji (33) - cross examine.
homa (21) - fever.
homa ya taifodi (55) - typhoid fever.

hoteli (50) - hotel.
hotuba (54) - speech.
hudhuria (28) - attend.
Huduma ya Kwanza (34) First Aid.
hukumu (33) - pass judgement.

I

iba (12) - steal.
Ijumaa (31) - Friday.
ila (31) - except, but.
ingawa (34) - although, though it be.
ingia (3) - enter.
ingilia (49) - enter into, infiltrate.
-ingine (11) - another.
injini (46) - engine.
inua (27) - lift up.
ishi (29) - live, exist.
ishirini (16) - twenty.
ita (12) - call.

J

jaa (27) - be full.
jamaa (36) - relative.
Jambo (5) - Hello.
jambo (39) - matter.
jana (15) - yesterday.
jangwa (52) - desert.
Januari (32) - January.
jaribu (15) - try, attempt.
jaza (45) - fill.
jela (52) - jail.
Jemadari (17) - General.
jengo (53) - building.
jeraha (34) - wound.
jibu (48) - answer, reply.
jifunga (41) - tie oneself.
jifunza (5) - study, learn (v.).
jirani (6) - neighbor.
jina (9) - name.
jicho (41) - eye
jioni (12) - evening.
jizoeza (16) - train oneself.
joto (21) - heat.
Julai (32) - July.
julisha (51) - inform, let know.
juma (31) - week.
Jumamosi (31) - Saturday.
Jumanne (31) - Tuesday.
Jumapili (31) - Sunday.
Jumatano (31) - Wednesday.
Jumatatu (31) - Monday.
jumla (22) - total.
Juni (32) - June.
juu ya (7) - on, on top of.
juzi (16) - the other day.
jua (17) - know, v. (30) sun.

K

kaa (6) - stay, live, remain in a place.
kabisa (24) - completely, entirely.
kabla ya (15) - before (adverb of time).
kabureta (46) - carburetor.
kabuti (43) - overcoat.
kagua (28) - inspect.
kahawa (3) - coffee.
kalamu (29) - pencil.
kalenda (31) - calendar.
kali (7) - sharp, fierce.
kama (13) - if, like.
kamanda (43) - commander.
kamata (11) - catch.
kamba (55) - rope.
kambi (55) - camp.
kambi ya jela (55) - prison or concentration camp.
kamili (16) - perfect.
Kampala (14) - capital of Uganda.
kamuflaji (42) - camouflage.
kando (11) - at the side, beside.
Kapteni (12) - Captain.
kaptula (43) - pants, khaki shorts.

karani (48) - clerk.
karatasi (29) - paper.
karibia (18) - approach, come near.
karibu (7) - near, soon.
karibuni (41) - soon.
kariri (49) - repeat, review.
kasa (30) - less.
Kaskazini (35) - North.
kata (8) - cut.
kataa (52) - refuse.
kata neno (40) - decide.
kata tamaa (36) - give up hope.
katika (4) - in, into.
kausha (26) - dry, v.(kafu, adj)
kawia (51) - stay on.
kazana (27) - try hard.
kazi (4) - work.
keki (37) - cake.
kelele (27) - noise, racket.
kesho (14) - tomorrow.
kesho kutwa (14) - day after tomorrow.
kesi (33) - case, matter.
keti (3) - sit.
kiatu (17) - shoe, boot.
kibanda (43) - hut, barrack.
kibuyu (17) - canteen, flask, calabash.
kichaka (35) - bush.
kichwa (19) - head.
kidole (21) - finger.
kidonda (21) - sore, wound.
kidonge (51) - pill, capsule.
kidude (54) - gadget.
kifaa (22) - items, useful items.
kifudifudi (41) - lie flat face downward.
kifungo (43) - button.
kifungu (20) - small pile, bundle.
Kiingereza (32) - English.
kijana (26) - youth.
kijiji (38) - village.
kijiko (19) - spoon.
kikapu (17) - basket.
kiko (19) - smoking pipe.
kikombe (19) - cup.
kikosi (17) - company.
kikundi (28) - group.
kila (16) - every each.
kimanjano (22) - yellow.
kimbia (11) - run (v.).
kimya (15) - silence, quietly.
kingama (41) - across.
kinywaji (24) - a drink.
kioo (34) - glass.
kipande (34) - piece.
kisirisiri (42) - secretly.
kisiwa (17) - island.
kisu (19) - knife.
kitabu (19) - book.
kitambaa (19) - kerchief, cloth.
kitanda (19) - bed, couch.
kiti (19) - chair.
kitoweo (50) - stew.
kitu (9) - thing, object.
kiu (37) - thirst.
kivuko (35) - ford, crossing.
kiwanjani (16) - on the ground.
kofia (41) - hat.
kofia ya chuma (41) - steel helmet.
kojoa (55) - urinate.
kombora (42) - shell, bomb.
komesha (23) - stop, bring to an end.
kondoo (50) - sheep, mutton.
kopesha (33) - lend.
Koplo (12) - Corporal
korti (33) - court.
kosa (29) - lack.
koti (43) - coat.
Krismasi (32) - Christmas.
-kubwa (2) - big, large.
kufa (23) - die.
kuja (6) - come.
kujitoa kwa hiari (55) - to give oneself up of free will.
kujiweka tayari (42) - get ready.
kukana (51) - to deny.
kuku (39) - chicken.

kula (6) - eat.
kulenga (16) - to aim.
kulia (49) - right. (hand)
kumbuka (45) - remember.
kumi (18) - ten.
kuna (29) - there is, are.
kunguni (43) - bed bug.
kunywa (6) - drink.
kuonekana (18) - appear, become visable.
kushoto (49) - left. (hand)
Kusini (35) - South.
kusudi (52) - purpose, mission.
kutana (39) - meet with.
kutwa (31) - all the time, continually.
kutanika (44) - meet together, assemble.
kuwa (13) - to be.
kuwa macho (41) - be on the alert.
kuwa na (13) - to have.
kuzima moto (42) - extinguish fire.
kwa ajali (18) - accidentally.
kwa ajili (54) - on account of, because of.
kwa heri (1) - good bye.
kwa heri ya kuonana (9) - so long!
kwa nguvu (27) - with strength.
kwa nini (3) - why.
kwa siri (15) - secretly.
kwamba (30) - that, he said that.
kwanza (10) - first. (adv.)
-a kwanza (31) - first. (adj.)
kweli (4) - truly, true.
kwenda (6) - go, proceed.
kwinini (21) - quinine.
kwisha (40) - finish.

L

la (1) - no.
labda (37) - perhaps.
lakini (6) - but, except.
lako (9) - your. (MA Class)
lala (4) - lie down, sleep.
lalamika (36) - complain.
langu (9) - my. (MA Class)
lazima (35) - necessary, must.
lazimiwa (45) - be compelled.
leo (10) - today.
leta (6) - bring.
lima (4) - dig, cultivate.
limia (24) - cultivate.
linda zamu (12) - turn on guard duty.
lipa (22) - pay.
lisha (25) - feed.
lori (27) - truck, lorry.

M

maalum (21) - certain, special, particular.
mabeti (41) - equipment.
mahabusu (55) prisoner.
Machi (32) - March.
maelezo (35) - explanation.
mafuta (46) - oil.
mahali (52) - place.
maharagwe (20) - beans.
maili (35) - mile.
mainzi (43) - fly, flies, insect.
maisha (34) - life.
maiti (53) - corpse, dead bodies.
maji (24) - water.
majira (32) - season.
malaria (21) - malaria.
malidadi (50) - decorative, fancy.
maliza (10) - finish, complete.
mama (1) - mother.
mambo (54) - matters, affairs.
mamlaka (36) - authority.
Mangaribi (Magharibi) (35) - West.
mapambo (50) - furnishings, decorations.

mapatano (33) - agreement.
mapema (28) - early.
mapigano (55) - fighting.
mara (24) - times, as in multiplication.
mara moja (16) - at once.
Mashariki (35) - East.
masharubu (44) - moustache.
mashua (47) - small boat, row boat.
masika (32) - rainy season.
mashine (29)- machine.
matata (23) - trouble.
mateka (41) - captives, prisoners.
mateka ya vita (55) - prisoners of war.
matope (49) - mud.
matunda (24) - fruit.
mavuno (38) - crop or harvest.
mawingu (53) - clouds.
maziwa (25) - milk.
mazoezi (16) - drill.
mbali (29) - far, far away.
mbalimbali (22) - varying, different from each other.
mbao (53) - board, lumber.
mbele (10) - in front of, ahead.
mboga (50) - vegetables.
mbolea (24) - fertilizer.
mbona (17) - why.
mbu (43) - mosquito.
mbuni (24) - coffee tree.
mbuzi (5) - goat.
mbwa (27) - dog.
mchana (30) - daytime.
mchana kutwa (46) - whole day long.
mchanga (52) - sand.
mchele (39) - rice.
mchezo (28) - game.
mchuzi (50) - gravy, sauce, stew.
mdhamini (55) - hostage.
mdudu (43) - insect.
Mei (32) - May.
mekanika (46) - mechanic.
meli (40) - ship, passenger ship.
meza (19) - table.
mfuko (8) - pocket, small bag, pouch.
mgahawa (50) - cafe, restaurant.
mgeni (3) - visitor.
mgonjwa (21) - sick person.
mguu (7) - foot, leg.
mia (39) - 100, hundred.
mimi (1) - I.
Misri (14) - Egypt.
mizinga ya ndege (42) - anti aircraft gun.
mji (6) - town, city.
mkaguzi (28) - inspector.
mkalimani (52) - interpreter.
mkate (6) - bread.
mke (19) - wife.
mkeka (8) - mat.
Mkikuyu (2) - Kikuyu person.
mkono (7) - hand, arm.
mkuki (7) - spear.
mkulima (24) - farmer.
mkutano (44) - meeting.
mkuu (54) - head, chief person, boss.
mlango (3) - door.
mlima (7) - mountain.
mlinzi (12) - a guard, watchman.
Mmasai (11) - a Masai.
mmea (38) - a plant.
mno (39) - much, very much.
mnunuzi (20) - buyer.
mnyama (25) - animal, game.
-moja (5) - one.
moja kwa moja (18) - straight on, directly.
moshi (53) - smoke.
mota - motor.
motaboti - motor boat.
moto (17) - fire, hot.
motokaa (9) - motor car, vehicle.
moyo - heart.

mpaka (14) - till, as far as.
mpango (49) - arrangement.
mpango wa utayari (42) - alert system.
mpelelezi (15) - spy.
mpishi (43) - cook,(person who cooks).
msaada (48) - help, assistance, aid.
mshale (11) - arrow.
mpira (22) - rubber.
mshipi (22) - belt.
msiba (23) - disaster.
msichana (53) - girl.
msitu (7) - forest.
mstari (55) - line, row.
Mswahili (2) - Swahili person.
mtego (41) - trap or snare.
mti (7) - tree.
mto (8) - river.
mtoto (1) - child.
mtu (2) - person.
mtumbwi (26) - boat.
mtumishi (50) - waiter, servant.
Mungu (31) - God.
muziki (54) - music.
mviringo (55) - circle, round objects.
mvua (32) - rain.
mvuke (53) - steam.
mvulana (53) - boy.
mvuvi (26) - fisherman.
mwaka (24) - year.
mwalimu (1) - teacher.
mwamba (49) - rock, boulder.
mwanachama (44) - member.
mwanafunzi (1) - student.
mwanahewa (42) - airmen.
mwanamke (20) - woman.
mwanamume (20) - man.
mwandishi (44) - secretary.
mwandishi mdogo (44) - assistant secretary.
mwanzo (14) - beginning.
mwendo (48) - time, speed, rate of speed, distance.
mwenye kiti (44) - chairman.
mwenyeji (27) - native, inhabitant.
mwezi (32) - month, moon.
mwili (21) - body.
mwinuko (54) - elevated ground, high ground, rise.
mwisho (28) - end, ending, conclusion.
mwishoni (28) - at/in the end.
mwivi (12) - thief.
mwuzaji (20) - seller.
mzazi (36) - parent.
mzee (6) - old man.
Mzungu (30) - European white man.

N

na (1) - and.
nahodha (47) - captain (ship).
ndege za vita (42) - fighter planes.
nafasi (36) - space, room.
namna (22) - kind, variety.
nanasi (38) - pineapple.
nane (13) - eight.
nani?(1) - who?
nawa (10) - wash.
nchi (23) - country, land.
ndani (7) - in, inside.
ndege (7) - bird, airplane.
ndege za adui (42) - enemy planes.
ndio (1) - yes.
ndivyo (14) - that is so.
ndizi (50) - banana.
ndugu (8) - brother.
-nene (27) - fat, thick.
neno la siri (52) - password, secret word.
ng'aa (53) - shine.
ng'ambo (35) - the other side of a river, valley.
ngamia (52) - camel
ngapi (5) - how many.

ngazi (44) - stairway.
ngoja (9) - wait.
ngojea (36) - wait for.
ngoma (28) - drum, dance.
ng'ombe (25) - cattle, cow.
ngome (42) - fortification.
ngozi (22) - leather.
nguo (17) - cloth, clothes.
nguo za kiraia (51) - civilian clothes.
nguo za rasmi (51) - uniform.
ngurumo (53) - thunder.
nguvu (27) - strength, power.
ni (1) - form of verb 'to be' in present tense.
Nilo (14) - Nile River.
nini?(3) - what?
ninyi (5) - you (pl.).
njaa (37) - hunger
nje (15) - outside.
njia (25) - way, road.
njia panda (42) - cross road.
njoo (10) - come. (imp.)
-nne (5) - four.
Novemba (32) - November.
nunua (9) - buy.
nuka (53) - smell (badly), stink.
nuru (45) - light.
nusu (30) - half.
nyama (11) - meat.
nyanya (19) - tomato.
nyati (40) - buffalo.
-nyesha, mvua hunyesha (32) - rain.
nyoka (35) - snake.
nyuma ya (15) - behind.
nyumba (6) - house, building.
nyumbu (52) - mule.
nyunyiza (43) - spray.

O

oa (25) - marry.
ofisa (37) - officer.
oga (55) - bathe.
-ogelea (26) - swim.
okoka (34) - survive, be safe.
ogopa (13) - be afraid, fear, v.
okota (51) - pick up.
Oktoba (32) - October.
omba (48) - request, beg.
ona (6) - see.
onana (36) - see each other, meet.
ondoka (13) - leave, depart.
ongoza (28) - lead.
onja (38) - taste.
onya (34) - warn. (v.)
onyesha (22) - show, demonstrate.
ota (38) - grow.
-ote (5) - all.

P

paaza sauti (44) - raise voice.
paketi (51) - package.
pale (4) - there.
pamoja (7) - together.
-pana (11) - broad, wide.
panda (44) - climb.
panda (24) - plant, cultivate.
panga (35) - matchet.
panga (20) - arrange, set.
pango (55) - cave.
pangwa (43) - be arranged.
papa (47) - shark.
papo hapo (51) - then and there.
pasua (35) - split, clear a road.
pasuka (34) - split.
pata (21) - find, get.
pata zawadi (28) - get a reward.
patia (34) - get for.
pauni (33) - pound sterling.
peke-yake (52) - alone.
peleka (12) - take.
pembe (25) - horn.
pembe (55) - corner.
penda (3) - like, love.
pendeza (9) - please someone.
pengine (47) - on the other hand, likely, moreover.

pesa (29) - money.
petroli (45) - gasoline.
-pi?(44) - which?
pia (2) - also.
picha (40) - picture.
pigana (23) - fight.
piga filimbi (49) - blow whistle.
piga kelele (27) - make a noise.(v.)
piga pasi (43) - iron, v.
piga picha (40) - take a picture.
piga polishi (43) - polish.
piga ripoti (12) - report, v.
piga shabaha (16) - aim, target practice.
piga sindano (55) - get an injection.
piga stati (46) - start (a car)
piga tarumbeta (28) - play a trumpet.
pika (8) - cook (to cook).
pikia (39) - cook for.
pikipiki (52) - motorcycle.
-a pili (31) - second.
pima (20) - measure, weigh.
pima tairi (46) - measure air in tire.
pinduka (34) - turn over.
plagi (46) - plug.
pokea (9) - receive.
polepole (10) - slowly.
polisi (52) - police.
pombe (50) - beer (native).
popote (46) - everywhere.
porini (13) - in the bush.
posho - corn meal, rations.
posta (29) - post office.
potea (47) - lost, state or condition of being lost.
poteza (23) - lose.
pumzika (31) - rest.
punda (25) - donkey.
pungua (39) - lack, be less, be short of.
punguza (45) - lessen, reduce.
pwani (36) - coast, sea shore.
-pya (19) - new.

R

radi (53) - thunder bolt, clap of thunder.
rafiki (8) - friend.
rahisi (20) - cheap, easy.
raia (51) - civilian, citizen.
ramani (35) - map.
redari (42) - radar.
redieta (46) - radiator.
redio (23) - radio.
-refu (2) - tall, long.
rejista (29) - registered (letter).
reli (42) - rail, railroad.
reli ya njia mbili (42) - two track railroad.
ripoti (12) - report.
risasi (16) - bullet.
robo (30) - quarter.
rudi (6) - return, come back.
rudishia (33) - give back to.
ruhusa (25) - permission.
ruhusu (25) - allow, permit.
ruka (12) - jump, fly.
rukia (41) - jump upon by surprise.

S

saa (10) - watch, clock, hour.
saba (18) - seven.
sababu (13) - because.
sabaini (23) - 70, seventy.
sabuni (52) - soap.
safari (14) - journey, trip, expedition.
safi (10) - clean, fine.
safiri (14) - travel, go on a trip.
safisha (8) - clean, v.
sahau (35) - forget.

saidia (4) - help.
Sajini (12) - Sergeant.
Sajini meja (12) - Sgt Major.
salama (14) - safely.
salamu (1) - greetings.
salimia (13) - greet.
samaki (26) - fish.
sana (7) - very.
sanduku (17) - box, trunk.
sasa (3) - now.
sasa hivi (18) - at once.
sauti (15) - sound, voice.
sawa (20) - like, same.
sawasawa (10) - properly, correctly.
sehemu (49) - section, part, portion.
sema (3) - say.
senti (29) - cents.
Septemba (32) - September.
shabaha (13) - target, aim.
shahidi (33) - witness.
shaka (33) - doubt, fear.
shamba (4) - field, garden.
shambulia (23) - attack, v.
shambulio (49) - an attack.
shati (43) - shirt.
shauri (40) - matter, affair, advice.
shauriana (54) - consult with.
sheria (25) - law, custom.
shiba (51) - be filled or satisfied from eating.
shida (45) - trouble, difficulties.
shika (7) - hold.
shilingi (22) - shilling.
shinda (28) - win.
shindana (28) - compete, v.
shindano (28) - competition.
shindwa (42) - be unable, defeated.
shirikiana (53) - cooperate, v. share.
shona (8) - sew.
shtaki (33) - accuse.
shuka (20) - come down.
shukrani (53) - gratitude, thanks.
si (1) - am not.
siagi (50) - butter.
sigara (8) - cigarettes, cigar.
sikia (13) - to hear.
sikiliza (49) - listen.
siku (20) - day.
sikukuu (31) - the big day, holiday.
silaha (13) - weapon.
simama (3) - stand.
simamisha (54) - make stand, erect.
simba (11) - lion.
simu (42) - telegram, telephone.
sisi (5) - we.
sita (18) - six.
sitini (23) - 60, sixty.
sivyo (14) - is that not so.
soko (20) - market.
soma (19) - read.
songana (20) - be crowded, v.
stahili (53) - deserve, v.
stempu (29) - stamp.
stesheni (36) - station, train station.
stesheni ya kupokea (54) - receiving station.
stesheni ya kutuma (54) - transmitter station.
stoo (52) - store.
sugua (43) - polish, rub.
sukari (37) - sugar.
sukuma (23) - push.
sumu (13) - poison.
swala (11) - antelope.
swali (51) - question.

## T

taabu (48) - difficulty, trouble.
tafadhali (10) - please.
tafuna (47) - chew, masticate.
tafuta (4) - look for.

tairi (46) - tire.
taja (31) - name, call.
taka (3) - want, wish.
takataka (43) - rubbish.
tamaa (36) - hope, desire.
tamani (40) - desire.
tambua (30) - recognize, perceive.
tambulikana (53) - recognizable.
tangi (45) - tank.
tangulia (44) - lead.
-tano (5) - five.
tarehe (32) - date.
tarumbeta (28) - trumpet.
-tatu (5) - three.
-a tatu (31) - third.
tawanyika (44) - scatter.
tawi (55) - branch.
tayari (17) - ready.
tayarisha (16) - get ready.
tazama (5) - look.
teka (49) - ransack, capture.
tele (13) - plenty.
tembea (8) - walk.
tembelea (39) - visit, go and visit.
tembo (11) - elephant.
tengeneza (3) - fix, repair.
tetemeka (53) - tremble.
thelathini (16) - 30, thirty.
theluji (52) - snow.
tia (8) - put.
tikiti (40) - ticket.
tisa (18) - nine.
tisha (27) - frighten, scare.
tisini (28) - 90, ninety.
tivii (54) - TV.
toa (48) - give, take out.
toa ishara (55) - give a sign or signal.
toa zawadi (28) - give a reward.
toboka (17) - has a hole, punctured.
tofauti (26) - difference, different from.
toka (6) - come from, go out of.
tokea (34) - come out from.
toroka (12) - escape, run away.
tosha (9) - be enough, sufficient.
toshea (50) - enough for, satisfy.
toza (33) - charge a fee.
tu (9) - only.
tukia (34) - happen.
tulia (47) - be calm.
tuma (48) - send.
tumaini (33) - trust, hope.
tumbako (55) - tobacco.
tumbo (21) - stomach.
tumia (20) - to use, to send to.
tunda (38) - fruit.
tundika (43) - hang up.
tunza (24) - take care of.
tupu (45) - sheer, only, empty.
twiga (11) - giraffe.

U

ua (38) - flower.
ua (13) - kill, v.
uangalifu (45) - care.
uchafu (53) - dirt.
ufunguo (15) - key.
ugali (26) - mush, porridge.
ugonjwa (21) - sickness, disease.
ujao (40) - next, (period of time).
uji (37) - porridge, gruel.
ukungu (45) - fog, mist.
uliza (33) - ask, question.
umati (44) - crowd.
umeme (53) - lightning.
umia (21) - hurts or pains someone.
umiza (34) - cause hurt.
Unguja (17) - Island of Zanzibar.
upande (20) - side.
upepo (32) - wind, breeze.
upesi (10) - quickly.
usafi (50) - cleanliness.

usiku (12) - night.
usiku wa manane (30) - midnight.
uso (51) - face.
uza (20) - sell.
uzia (33) - sell to.

V

vaa (19) - wear clothes.
vidanganya macho (42) - camouflage.
vilevile (4) - also.
vita (55) - war.
vizia (41) - spy on, keep an eye on.
vizuri (10) - well.
vua samaki (26) - to fish.
vuka (26) - cross over.
vuli (32) - lesser rainy season.
vuma (41) - blow (wind).
vumbi (53) - dust.
vumbua (49) - discover.
vumilia (36) - be patient.
vuna (24) - reap, harvest.
vunja (25) - break.
vunjika (34) - be broken.
vuta (8) - pull, draw.

W

Waislamu (31) - Muslims.
waka (46) - start (of engine), catch fire.
wakati (15) - time.
wakili (33) - lawyer.
Wakristo (31) - Christians.
wala (32) - neither, nor.
wali (19) - cooked rice.
wao (5) - they.
wapi (4) - where.
washa (45) - to light a fire, lamp.
waya (46) - wire.
wazi (15) - open.
weka (17) - place, put.
wewe (1) - you.
weza (12) - be able.
wiki (26) - week.
-wili (5) - two.
wima (55) - straight, upright.
wimbi (47) - wave.
wimbo (54) - song.
winda (11) - hunt.
woga (51) - fear.

Y

yai (39) - egg.
yeye (1) - he, she.
yodini (51) - iodine.

Z

zaa (24) - bear, give birth.
zaliwa - be born.
zama (47) - sink.
zamani (52) - long time ago, once upon a time.
zamishwa (47) - to be sunk.
zawadi (28) - reward, prize.
-zee (6) - old.
ziba (34) - stop up.
zidi (37) - to increase, be more.
-zima (2) - well, whole.
-zito (27) - heavy.
ziwa (26) - lake.
zunguka (41) - go round.
zungumza (54) - chat, converse.
-zuri (2) - good, nice.

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## A

able (12) weza.
accident (34) ajali.
  accidentally (18) kwa ajali.
accuse (33) shtaki.
across (41) kingama.
address (29) anwani.
advice (40) shauri.
advisable (49) bora.(see: best)
affair (54) jambo. (see: greeting)
  affairs (pl) mambo.
after, adv. (15) baada ya.
afterwards (7) halafu.
agreement (33) mapatano.
ahead (10) mbele.
aid (48) msaada.
aim, v. (16) piga shabaha
aim, n. (13) shabaha.
  aim at a target, v. (16) piga shabaha, kulenga
airman (42) mwanahewa.
airplane (7) ndege, (29) eropleni.
alert system (42) mpango wa utayari.
all (5) -ote.
all the time (31) kutwa.
allow (25) ruhusu.
alone (52) peke yake.
also (4) vilevile, (2) pia.
although (34) ingawa.
and (1) na.
animal (25) mnyama.
another (11) -ingine.
answer (48) jibu.
antelope (11) swala.
antenna (54) antena.
anti aircraft gun (42) mizinga ya ndege.
appear (18) onekana.
approach (18) karibia.
April (32) Aprili.
area (52) eneo.
arrange (3) tengeneza (see: prepare, fix
arm (7) mkono. (see: hand)
arrange (20) panga.
  be arranged (43) pangwa.
  arrangement (49) mpango.
arrive (14) fika.
arrow (11) mshale.
as well (2) pia, (4) vilevile.
ask (33) uliza.
aspirin (51) aspirini.
assemble (44) kutanika.
assistance (48) msaada.
association (44) chama.
as far as (14) mpaka.
at once (18) sasa hivi, (16) mara moja.
attack, v. (23) shambulia.
attack, n. (49) shambulio.
attempt (15) jaribu.
attend (28) hudhuria.
August (32) Agosti.
authority (36) mamlaka.
automobile (9) motokaa.

## B

bad (4) -baya.
banana (50) ndizi.
barrack (43) kibanda.
basket (17) kikapu.
bathe (55) oga.
battery (46) beteri.
bayonet (16) beneti.
be (13) -wa (kuwa).
be (am, is, are) present tense only (1) ni.
be afraid (13) ogopa.
be not (am not, is not, are not) present tense only (1) si.
beans (20) maharagwe.
bear, v. (24) zaa.
  give birth (24) zaa.
  be born, zaliwa.
because (13) sababu.
because of (54) kwa ajili.
bed (19) kitanda.

bed bug (43) kunguni.
beer (50) pombe (native).
beer (50) bia (European).
before (15) kabla ya.
beg (48) omba.
begin (14) anza.
beginning (14) mwanzo.
behind (15) nyuma ya.
believe (33) amini.
belt (22) mshipi.
beside, alongside (11) kando ya.
best (49) bora.
bicycle (46) baisikeli.
big (2) -kubwa.
big day, holiday (31) sikukuu.
binoculars (18) darubini.
bird (7) ndege.
black (22) -eusi.
blanket (43) blanketi.
blood (25) damu.
blow (41) vuma.
blow whistle (49) piga filimbi.
blue (22) buluu.
board (53) mbao.
boat (26) mtumbwi.
body (21) mwili.
bomb (42) kombora.
book (19) kitabu.
boot (17) kiatu.
boss (54) mkuu.
bottle (50) chupa.
boulder (49) mwamba.
box (17) sanduku.
boy (53) mvulana.
branch (55) tawi.
brave (13) hodari.
bread (6) mkate.
break v.t. (25) vunja.
break v.i. (34) vunjika.
break down (23) bomoa.
breeze (32) upepo.
bridge (18) daraja.
bring (6) leta.
bring to an end (23) komesha.
broad (11) -pana.
brother (8) ndugu.
buffalo (40) nyati.
building (53) jengo.
building (house) (6) nyumba.
bullet (16) risasi.
bump, collide, v. (34) gongana.
bundle (20) kifungu.
buoy (49) chelezo.
burn (23) choma.
bush (35) kichaka.
but (6) lakini.
but, except (31) ila.
butter (50) siagi.
button (43) kifungo.
buy (9) nunua.
buyer (20) mnunuzi.
by and by (30) baadaye.

C

cabin (15) chumba.
cafe (50) mgahawa.
cake (37) keki.
calendar (31) kalenda.
call (12) ita.
calm (47) tulia.
camel (52) ngamia.
camouflage (42) kamuflagi, vidanganya macho.
camp (55) kambi.
can, v. (12) weza. (see: able)
canteen (17) kibuyu.
capsule (51) kidonge.
Captain (12) Kapteni.
captain (ship) (47) nahodha.
captives (41) mateka.
capture (49) teka.
carburetor (46) kabureta.
care (45) uangalifu.
carry (25) beba.
carry (8) chukua.
carry on (24) endelea.
case (33) kesi.
catch (11) kamata.

catch fire (46) waka moto.
cattle (25) ng'ombe.
cave (55) pango.
cents (29) senti.
certain (21) maalum.
chair (19) kiti.
chairman (44) mwenye kiti.
change, v. (46) badilisha.
charge a fee (33) toza.
chat (54) zungumza.
cheap (20) rahisi.
check, n. (22) cheki.
check book (22) kitabu cha cheki.
chew (47) tafuna.
chicken (39) kuku.
chief person (54) mkuu
child (1) mtoto.
Christian (31) Mkristo.
Christmas (32) Krismasi.
cigar (8) sigara.
cigarettes (8) sigara.
circle (55) duara, mviringo.
citizen (51) raia.
city (6) mji.
civilian (51) raia.
civilian clothes (51) nguo za kiraia.
clap of thunder (53) radi.
clean, v. (8) safisha.
clean, a. (10) safi.
cleanliness (50) usafi.
clear (35) fyeka.
clear a road (35) pasua njia.
clerk (48) karani.
cleverness (49) akili.
climb (44) panda.
close (3) funga.
cloth (19) kitambaa, nguo.
clothes (17) nguo.
clouds (53) mawingu.
coast (36) pwani.
coat (43) koti.
coffee (3) kahawa.
coffee tree (24) mbuni.
cold (17) baridi.
come (6) kuja.
come back (6) rudi.
come down (20) shuka.
come from (6) toka.
come on (10) haya.
come out from (34) tokea.
come near (18) karibia.
command (18) amri.
commander (43) kamanda.
company (17) kikosi.
compass (35) dira.
compete (28) shindana.
competition (28) shindano.
compelled (45) lazimiwa.
complain (36) lalamika.
complete (10) maliza.
completely (24) kabisa.
concentration camp (55) kambi ya jela.
conclusion (28) mwisho.
condition (32) hali.
condition of country (52) hali ya nchi.
consult with (54) shauriana.
continue (24) endelea.
continually (31) kutwa.
converse (54) zungumza.
cook, n. (43) mpishi.
cook, v. (8) pika.
cook for (39) pikia.
cooked rice (19) wali.
cooperate (53) shirikiana.
corner (55) pembe.
Corporal (12) Koplo.
corpse (53) maiti.
correctly (10) sawasawa.
couch (19) kitanda.
count, v. (18) hesabu.
country (23) nchi.
court (33) korti.
court case (33) kesi.
cow (25) ng'ombe.
crash (34) gonga
be crashed (pass.) gongwa.
crop (38) mavuno.
cross examine (33) hoji.

cross over (26) vuka.
cross road (42) njia panda.
crossing (35) kivuko.
crowd (44) umati.
crowd together (20) songana.
cultivate (4) lima (see: dig)
  cultivate for someone (24) limia.
cup (19) kikombe.
curry (50) binzari.
custom - desturi.
cut (8) kata.

D

damage (52) hasara.
dance (28) ngoma.
danger (35) hatari.
darkness (45) giza.
date (32) tarehe.
day (20) siku.
day after tomorrow (14) kesho kutwa.
daytime (30) mchana.
dead body (53) maiti.
December (32) Desemba.
decide (40) kata neno.
decorations (50) mapambo.
decorative (50) malidadi.
defeated (42) shindwa.
delay (10) chelewa.
demand (33) dai.
demolish (23) bomoa.
demonstrate (22) onyesha. (see: show)
deny (51) kana.
depart (13) ondoka.
desert (52) jangwa.
deserve (53) stahili.
desire, v. (40) tamani.
desire, n. (36) tamaa.
dessert (50) chakula cha mwisho.
destroy (23) haribu.
DDT (43) diditii.
die (23) kufa.
difference (26) tofauti.
  different from (26) tofauti na.
difficult (49) -gumu.
difficulty (48) taabu.
difficulties (45) shida.
dig (4) lima.
directly (18) moja kwa moja.
dirt (53) uchafu.
disaster (23) msiba.
discover (49) vumbua.
disease (21) ugonjwa.
dishonest (51) chini chini.
dispensary (21) dispensari.
distance (48) mwendo.
divide (49) gawanya.
do (3) fanya.
doctor (21) daktari.
dog (27) mbwa.
donkey (25) punda.
door (3) mlango.
doubt (33) shaka.
draw (8) vuta. (see: pull)
draw (as of picture) (35) chora.
drill, v. (16) mazoezi.
drink, v. (6) kunywa.
drink, n. (24) kinywaji.
drive (26) endesha.
drive away (18) fukuza.
driver (34) dreva, dereva, mwendeshaji.
drop (51) angusha.
drugs (21) dawa.
drum (28) ngoma.
dry, v. (26) kausha.
dust (53) vumbi.

E

each (16) kila.
early (28) mapema.
East (35) Mashariki.

East Africa (14) Afrika ya Mashariki.
easy (20) rahisi.
eat (6) kula.
educate (48) elimisha.
  educated (48) elimishwa.
effort (16) bidii.
egg (39) yai.
Egypt (14) Misri.
eight (13) -nane.
elevated ground (54) mwinuko.
elephant (11) tembo.
empty (45) tupu.
end, ending (28) mwisho.
  at the end (28) mwishoni.
enemy (15) adui.
enemy planes (42) ndege za adui.
engine (46) injini.
English (32) Kiingereza.
enough (9) tosha
  enough for (50) toshea.
enter(3) ingia, v.
  enter into (49) ingilia.
entirely (24) kabisa.
envelope (29) bahasha.
erect (54) simamisha.
escape (12) toroka.
especially (22) hasa.
equipment (41) mabeti. (military soldier's equipment)
European, white man (30) Mzungu.
even (2) hata.
evening (12) jioni.
every (16) kila.
everywhere (46) popote.
evil (4) -baya.
except (31) ila.
exist (29) ishi. (see: live)
expedition (14) safari.
expenses (48) gharama.
expensive (20) ghali.
explain (40) eleza.
explanation (35) maelezo.
explosive (18) baruti.
extinguish fire (42) zima moto.
eye (41) jicho.

F

face (51) uso.
faithful (27) -aminifu.
fancy (50) malidadi.
far (29) mbali.
  far away (29) mbali.
farmer (24) mkulima.
fat (27) -nene. (see: thick)
father (1) baba.
fear (33) shaka, n., woga, n.(51)
fear (13) ogopa, v.
February (32) Februari.
feed (25) lisha.
fertilizer (24) mbolea.
fever (21) homa.
few (9) -chache.
fierce (7) kali.
fight (23) pigana.
  fighting (55) mapigano.
fighter planes (42) ndege za vita.
fill (45) jaza, v.
filled or satisfied from eating (51) shiba.
find (21) pata.
finger (21) kidole.
finish (10) maliza, v.
finish, be finished (40) kwisha, n.
fire (17) moto.
first (10) kwanza, adv.
first (31) -a kwanza, a.
first aid (34) huduma ya kwanza.
fish (26) samaki.
fish (26) vua samaki, v.
fisherman (26) mvuvi.
five (5) -tano.
fix (3) tengeneza.
flask (17) kibuyu.
flood over (53) furika.

flower (38) ua.
fly (12) ruka, v.
fly (43) inzi.
  flies (43) mainzi.
fog (45) ukungu.
follow (12) fuata.
  follow one another (13) fuatana.
food (5) chakula.
foot (7) mguu. (see: leg)
forest (7) msitu.
ford (35) kivuko.
forget (35) sahau.
for nothing (35) bure.
fort (49) boma.
  fortified enclosure (49) boma.
fortification (42) ngome.
forty (22) arobaini, 40.
four (5) -nne.
free will (55) hiari.
Friday (31) Ijumaa.
friend (8) rafiki.
frighten (27) tisha.
fruit (38) tunda.
  fruit (24) matunda, pl.
full, be full (27) jaa.
furnishings (50) mapambo.

G

gadget (54) kidude.
game (animals) (25) mnyama.
game (28) mchezo.
garage (46) gereji.
garden, cultivated field (4) shamba.
gasoline (45) petroli.
gate (3) mlango.
gear (46) gia.
General (17) Jemadari.
get (21) pata.
get a reward (28) pata zawadi.
get for (34) patia.
get ready (42) kujiweka tayari.
get ready (16) tayarisha,
giraffe (11) twiga.
girl (53) msichana.
give - -pa.
give a reward (28) toa zawadi.
give a sign or signal (55) toa ishara.
give an injection (55) piga sindano.
give back to (33) rudishia.
give birth (24) zaa.
give out (48) toa.
glad, be glad (6) furahi, v.
  gladness (13) furaha.
glass, looking glass, mirror (34) kioo.
go (6) kwenda.
go around (41) zunguka.
go his way (51) enda zake.
go in a direction (35) elekea.
go out of (6) toka.
goat (5) mbuzi.
God (31) Mungu.
good (4) -ema.
good (2) -zuri. (see: fine, nice, pretty.
Good bye (1) Kwa heri.
gratitude (53) shukrani.
gratuity (50) bakshishi.
gravy (50) mchuzi.
grease (46) girisi.
greet (13) salimia, amkia (36).
  greetings (1) salamu.
group (28) kikundi.
grow (of plants) (38) ota.
gruel (37) uji.
guard (12) mlinzi.
gun (12) bunduki.
gun powder (18) baruti.

H

half (30) nusu.
hand (7) mkono.

hang up (43) tundika.
happen (34) tukia.
happiness (13) furaha.
harbor (47) bandari.
hard (49) gumu.
harvest (24) vuna, v.
harvest (38) mavuno.
has a hole (17) toboka.
hat (41) kofia.
have (13) -wa na (kuwa na).
  having (25) -enye.
he (1) yeye, a- (prefix).
head (19) kichwa.
head (chief) (54) mkuu.
health (37) afya.
hear (13) sikia.
heat (21) joto.
heavy (27) -zito.
heavy rainy season (32) masika.
Hello (5) Jambo.
help (4) saidia, v.
  help (48) msaada, n.
hers (26) -ake.
highway (14) barabara.
himself (17) enyewe.
his (26) -ake.
hit = piga.
Hodi (9) Hodi = Greeting announcing one's presence.
hold (7) shika.
holiday (31) sikukuu.
hope (33) tumaini.
horn (25) pembe.
horse (52) farasi.
hostage (55) mdhamini.
hot (17) moto.
hotel (50) hoteli.
house (6) nyumba.
how many (5) ngapi.
hundred (39) mia, 100.
hunger (37) njaa.
hunt (11) winda.
hurry up (10) fanya haraka.
hurt (21) umia.
  cause to hurt (34) umiza
  get hurt = umizwa.

hut (43) kibanda.

## I

I (1) mimi, ni- (prefix).
ice (52) barafu.
if (13) kama.
in (7) ndani.
in (4) katika.
in a little while (30) baadaye.
in front of (10) mbele ya.
in place of (52) badala ya.
in the end (28) mwishoni.
increase (37) zidi, v.
infiltrate (49) ingilia.
inform (51) julisha.
information (8) habari.
inhabitant (27) mwenyeji.
insect (43) mdudu.
inside (7) ndani.
insignia (43) alama ya cheo.
inspect (28) kagua.
inspector (28) mkaguzi.
instead of (52) badala ya.
instruct (4) fundisha.
intelligence (49) akili, maarifa.
interpreter (52) mkalimani.
into (4) katika.
into the bush (13) porini.
iodine (51) yodini.
iron, n. (41) chuma.
iron, v. piga pasi (43).
is = see 'be'.
is that not so? (14) sivyo?
island (17) kisiwa.
items (22) kifaa.

## J

jail (52) jela.
January (32) Januari.
journey (14) safari.

joy (13) furaha.
judge, n. (33) hakimu.
judge, v. amua (33).
July (32) Julai.
jump (12) ruka.
jump upon by surprise (41) rukia.
June (32) Juni.
justice (33) haki.

## K

keep an eye on (41) vizia.
Kenya, capital - Nairobi.
kerchief (19) kitambaa.
key (15) ufunguo.
khaki shorts (43) kaptula.
Kikuyu person (2) Mkikuyu.
kill (13) ua.
kind, variety (22) namna.
knife (19) kisu.
knock down (51) angusha.
knowledge (49) akili.
know, v. (17) jua.

## L

lack (29) kosa, v.
lack, decrease (39) pungua, v.
lake (26) ziwa.
land (23) nchi.
lantern (45) fanusi.
large (2) -kubwa.
late (10) chelewa.
latrine (43) choo.
laugh (6) cheka.
law (25) sheria.
lawyer (33) wakili.
lead (28) ongoza, v.
lead, go on ahead (44) tangulia.
lead in a direction (47) elekeza.
learn (5) jifunza.
leather (22) ngozi.
leave (13) ondoka.
leave off (15) acha.
left (hand) (49) kushoto.
left over (17) baki.
leg (7) mguu.
lend (33) kopesha.
less (30) kasa.
less (39) pungua.
lessen (45) punguza.
lesser rainy season (32) vuli.
let know (51) julisha.
letter (29) barua.
lie flat face downward (41) lala kifudifudi.
life (34) maisha.
lift up (27) inua.
light (45) nuru, n.
to light (as a fire or lamp), washa (45).
light (in weight) (29) -epesi.
lightning (53) umeme.
like, same as (20) sawa, (13) kama.
likely (47) pengine.
line (55) mstari.
lion (11) simba.
listen (49) sikiliza.
little (2) -dogo.
live (29) ishi.
live in a place, (6) kaa.
log (41) gogo.
long (2) -refu.
long time ago (52) zamani.
look at (5) tazama.
look for (4) tafuta.
look, watch (10) angalia.
lose (23) poteza.
loss (52) hasara.
lost (47) potea.
louse (43) chawa.
love, like (3) penda.
lumber (53) mbao.

## M

machine (29) mashine.
machine gun (18) bombom.
main road (14) barabara.
make clear (40) eleza.
make go (26) endesha.
make stand (54) simamisha.
make sure (46) hakikisha.
make (3) fanya, v.
malaria (21) malaria.
man (20) mwanamume.
mango (fruit) (38) embe.
map (35) ramani.
March (32) Machi.
mark (28) alama.
market (20) soko.
marry (25) oa. (man marrying a woman)
Masai (11) Mmasai.
master (39) bwana
  Mr. (39) bwana, Bw.
mat (8) mkeka.
matchet (35) panga.
matter (39) jambo.
  matters, affairs (54) mambo.
May (32) Mei.
measure (20) pima, v.
measure air in tire (46) pima tairi.
meat (11) nyama.
mechanic (46) mekanika.
medicine (21) dawa.
meet, see each other (36) onana.
meet together (44) kutanika.
meet with (39) kutana.
meeting (44) mkutano.
member (44) mwanachama.
midnight (30) (usiku wa manane) saa sita usiku.
mile (35) maili.
milk (25) maziwa.
mine (26) -angu.
minute (30) dakika.
mission (52) kusudi.
mist (45) ukungu.
mistress (39) bibi.
  Mrs. (39) bibi, Bi.
mix (25) changanya.
Monday (31) Jumatatu.
money (29) pesa.
month (32) mwezi.
moon (32) mwezi.
more (37) zaidi.
  be more (37) zidi.
moreover (47) pengine.
morning (10) asubuhi.
mosquito (43) mbu.
mother (1) mama.
motor car (9) motokaa.
motorcycle (52) pikipiki.
mountain (7) mlima.
moustache (44) masharubu.
move away, transfer (17) hama.
much (39) mno.
mud (49) matope.
mule (52) nyumbu.
mush (26) ugali.
music (54) muziki.
Muslims (31) Waislamu.
must (35) lazima.
mutton (50) nyama ya kondoo.
my (9) -angu.

## N

name (9) jina, n.
name (31) taja, v.
narrow (11) -embamba.
native (27) mwenyeji.
near (7) karibu.
necessary (35) lazima.
need (16) hitaji.
neighbor (6) jirani.
neither (32) wala.
new (19) -pya.
news (8) habari.
next (40) ujao.
night (12) usiku.
Nile River (14) Nilo.
nine (18) tisa.
ninety (28) tisini, 90.

no (1) la, hapana.
noise, n. (27) kelele.
  make a noise - piga kelele.
North (35) Kaskazini.
not yet (30) bado.
November (32) Novemba.
now (3) sasa.
number (18) hesabu.

## O

object (9) kitu.
observe (18) chungua.
ocean (47) bahari.
October (32) Oktoba.
office (48) afisi.
officer (37) ofisa.
oil (46) mafuta.
old (6) -zee.
old man (6) mzee.
on account of (54) kwa ajili ya.
on the alert (41) kuwa macho.
on the other hand (47) pengine.
on top of (7) juu ya.
once upon a time (52) zamani, siku moja.
one (5) -moja.
only (9) tu, tupu (45)
open (15) wazi, a.
open (3) fungua, v.
open a meeting (44) fungua mkutano.
orange (38) chungwa.
order, n. (18) amri.
order, v. (42) amrisha.
  give an order - toa amri.
  order (as for food) agiza (50)
our (26) -etu.
outstanding (13) hodari.
outside (15) nje.
overcoat (43) kabuti.
overflow (53) furika.

## P

pack (14) funga mizigo.
package (51) paketi.
pants (43) suruali.
paper (29) karatasi.
papers (34) gazeti. (periodical)
parent (36) mzazi.
part (49) sehemu.
particular (21) maalum.
pass judgement (33) hukumu, toa hukumu.
passenger (34) abiria.
password (52) neno la siri.
patient, adj. (36) vumilia.
pay (22) lipa.
pencil (29) kalamu.
perceive (30) tambua.
perfect (16) kamili.
perhaps (37) labda.
permission (25) ruhusa.
  permit (25) ruhusu.
person (2) mtu.
pick up (51) okota.
picture (40) picha.
piece (34) kipande.
pill (51) kidonge.
pineapple (38) nanasi.
pistol (41) bastola.
place (17) weka, v.
place (52) mahali, n.
plant (38) mmea, n.
plant (24) panda, v.
play (4) cheza.
play the trumpet (28) piga tarumbeta.
please (10) tafadhali.
please someone (9) pendeza.
plenty (13) tele.
pocket (8) mfuko.
point (35) elekea.
poison (13) sumu.
police (52) polisi.
polish (43) piga polishi.
polish (43) sugua. (rub)
porridge (37) uji, posho.

port (47) bandari.
portion (49) sehemu.
possessing (25) -enye.
post office (29) posta.
pouch (8) mfuko.
pound sterling£ (33) pauni.
plug, spark plug (46) plagi.
pretty (2) -zuri.
price (20) bei.
prison camp (55) kambi ya jela.
prisoner (55) mabusu, mateka.
prisoners of war (55) mateka ya vita.
prize (28) zawadi.
proceed (6) kwenda.
profit (25) faida.
properly (10) sawasawa.
pull (8) vuta.
pull trigger (18) fyatua bunduki, fyatua mtambo.
punctured (17) toboka.
purpose (52) kusudi.
push (23) sukuma.
put (8) tia, weka (17).

## Q

quarter (30) robo, 1/4.
question (33) uliza, v.
question (51) swali, n.
quickly (10) upesi.
quietly (15) kimya.
quinine (21) kwinini.

## R

racket (27) kelele.
radar (42) redari.
radiator (46) redieta.
radio (23) redio.
raft (49) chelezo.
rail (42) reli.
railroad (42) reli.
railroad, 2 track (42) reli ya njia mbili.
rain, n. (32) mvua.
rain, v. = mvua -nyesha.
raise (as of cattle) (25) fuga.
raise voice (44) paaza sauti.
ransack (49) teka.
read (19) soma.
ready (17) tayari.
really (4) kweli.
reap (24) vuna.
receive (9) pokea.
receiving station (54) shesheni ya kupokea.
recognize (30) tambua.
recognizable (53) tambulikana.
red (22) -ekundu.
reduce (45) punguza.
refresh (37) burudisha.
refreshed (37) burudika.
refuse (52) kataa, v.
registered (mail) (29) rejista.
relative (36) jamaa.
reliable (46) aminika.
remain (17) baki.
remain in a place (6) kaa.
remember (45) kumbuka.
repair (3) tengeneza.
repeat (49) kariri.
reply (48) jibu.
report, n. (12) ripoti.
to report, v. (12) piga ripoti.
request (48) omba.
require (16) hitaji.
resemble (26) fanana.
reserve (48) akiba.
rest (31) pumzika.
restaurant (50) mgahawa.
return (6) rudi.
review (49) kariri.
revolver (41) bastola, rivolva.
reward (28) zawadi.
rice (39) mchele.
rifle (12) bunduki.
right (right hand) (49) kulia.
right, n. (33) haki.

ripe (50) -bivu
rise (54) mwinuko, n.
river (8) mto.
rock (49) mwamba.
room (15) chumba.
room (space) (36) nafasi.
rope (55) kamba.
road (25) njia.
round object (55) mviringo.
row (55) mstari. (see: line)
row boat (47) mashua.
rub (43) sugua.
rubber (22) mpira.
rubbish (43) takataka.
run (11) kimbia.
run away (12) toroka.

S

safe (34) okoka.
  safely (14) salama.
sailor (47) baharia.
same (20) sawa.
sand (52) mchanga.
satisfy (50) toshea.
Saturday (31) Jumamosi.
sauce (50) mchuzi.
savings (48) akiba.
say (3) sema.
scare (27) tisha.
scatter (44) tawanyika.
sea (47) bahari.
sea shore (36) pwani.
seaman (47) baharia.
search (4) tafuta.
season (32) majira.
second (31) -a pili.
secret word (52) neno la siri.
secretary (44) mwandishi, (48) karani.
  assistant secretary (44) mwandishi mdogo.
secretly (42) kisirisiri.
secretly, adv. (15) kwa siri.
section (49) sehemu.
see (6) ona.
  see each other (36) onana.
sell (20) uza.
  sell to (33) uzia.
  seller (20) mwuzaji.
send (48) tuma.
  send to (20) tumia.
September (32) Septemba.
servant (50) mtumishi.
Sergeant (12) Sajini.
Sergeant Major (12) Sajini Meja.
set, arrange (20) panga.
seven (18) saba.
seventy (23) sabaini, 70.
sew (8) shona.
share (53) shirikiana.
shark (47) papa.
sharp (7) kali.
she (1) yeye, a- (prefix).
sheep (50) kondoo.
sheer (45) tupu.
shell (42) kombora.
shilling (22) shilingi.
shine (53) ng'aa, v.
ship, passenger (40) meli.
shirt (43) shati.
shoe (17) kiatu.
short (2) -fupi.
short of (39) pungua.
shoulder (41) bega.
show (22) onyesha.
shut (3) funga.
sick person (21) mgonjwa.
sickness (21) ugonjwa.
side (20) upande.
sign (28) alama, ishara.
silence (15) kimya.
similar (26) fanana.
sink (47) zama.
  cause to sink - zamisha.
  be sunk - zamishwa.
Sir (12) Effendi.
sister (8) dada.

sit (3) keti.
six (18) sita.
sixty (23) sitini, 60.
sleep (4) lala.
slowly (10) polepole.
small (2) -dogo.
small bag (8) mfuko.
small boat (47) mashua, mtumbwi.
small pile (20) kifungu.
smell (53) nuka.
smoke (53) moshi.
  smoking pipe (19) kiko.
snake (35) nyoka.
snare (41) mtego.
snow (52) theluji.
soap (52) sabuni.
soldier (12) askari.
so long! (9) kwa heri ya kuonana!
some (9) -chache.
song (54) wimbo.
soon (7) karibu, (41) karibuni.
sore (21) kidonda.
sound (15) sauti.
South (35) Kusini.
space (36) nafasi.
speak (3) sema.
spear (7) mkuki.
special (21) maalum.
speech (54) hotuba.
speed (48) mwendo.
split (34) pasuka.
split, clear a road (35) pasua.
spoon (19) kijiko.
spray (43) nyunyiza, v.
spy (15) mpelelezi.
  spy on (41) vizia.
stairway (44) ngazi.
stamp (29) stempu.
stand (3) simama.
start (of engine) (46) waka.
start (a car) (46) piga stati.
state, condition (32) hali.
station (36) stesheni.
stay (6) kaa
  stay on (51) kawia.
steal (12) iba.
steam (53) mvuke.
steel (41) chuma.
  steel helmet (41) kofia ya chuma.
steer toward (47) elekeza.
stew (50) kitoweo.
stink (53) nuka.
stomach (21) tumbo.
stop (23) komesha.
  stop up (34) ziba.
store (52) stoo.
store, shop (9) duka.
storm (47) dhoruba.
story (19) hadithi.
straight (55) wima.
  straight on (18) moja kwa moja.
strength (27) nguvu.
  with strength = kwa nguvu.
  strong = -enye nguvu.
stranger (3) mgeni.
student (1) mwanafunzi.
study (5) jifunza.
succeed (15) faulu.
suddenly (23) ghafla.
sufficient (9) tosha.
sugar (37) sukari.
suitable (17) faa, v.
Sunday (31) Jumapili.
suppose (33) dhani.
surplus (48) akiba.
surrender = kujitoa.
  surrender freely (55) kujitoa kwa hiari.
survive (34) okoka.
Swahili person (2) Mswahili.
sweep (8) fagia.
swim (26) ogelea.
sun (30) jua.

## T

table (19) meza.
take (12) peleka.
take a picture (40) piga picha.

take care of (24) tunza.
tall (2) -refu.
Tanganyika, capital = Dar es Salaam.
tank (45) tangi.
target (13) shabaha.
  target practice (16) piga shabaha.
task (4) kazi.
taste (38) onja.
tea (3) chai.
teach (4) fundisha.
teacher (1) mwalimu.
telegram, telephone (42) simu.
ten (18) kumi.
tent (12) hema.
terrain (52) hali ya nchi.
thanks (2) asante, (53) shukrani.
that, a. (4) yule (Wa class).
  that, conj. (30) kwamba.
  that is so (14) ndivyo.
their (26) -ao.
the other day (16) juzi.
the other side (of river, valley) (35) ng'ambo.
then (7) halafu.
then and there (51) papo hapo.
there (4) pale.
there is, are (29) kuna.
there is (are) not (29) hakuna.
they (5) wao.
thief (12) mwivi.
thin (11) -embamba.
thing (9) kitu.
think (33) dhani, fikiri.
third (31) -a tatu.
thirst (37) kiu.
thirty (16) thelathini, 30.
this (1) huyu (Wa class).
though it be (34) ingawa.
three (5) -tatu.
thunder (53) ngurumo.
  thunder bolt (53) radi.
Thursday (31) Alhamisi.
thus (30) hivyo.
tie (3) funga.
  tie oneself (41) jifunga.
ticket (40) tikiti.
till (14) mpaka, hata.
time (as: at this time) (15) wakati.
time (as in speed) (48) mwendo.
times (as in multiplication) (24) mara.
tip (50) bakshishi.
tire (46) tairi.
tired (48) choka.
tobacco (55) tumbako.
today (10) leo.
together (7) pamoja.
  together with = pamoja na.
tomorrow (14) kesho.
tomato (19) nyanya.
too, even (2) hata.
tool (19) chombo.
total (22) jumla.
town (6) mji.
train, n. (36) gari la moshi.
transmitter station (54) stesheni ya kutuma.
transport (8) chukua.
trap (41) mtego.
travel (14) safiri.
tree (7) mti.
trench (12) handaki.
trip (14) safari.
  go on a trip (14) safiri.
trouble (23) matata.
trouble (45) shida, (48) taabu. (see: difficulty).
truck (27) lori.
truly (4) kweli.
trumpet (28) tarumbeta.
trunk (17) sanduku.
trust (33) tumaini, amini.
try (15) jaribu.
  try hard (27) kazana.
Tuesday (31) Jumanne.
turmoil (23) ghasia.

turn about (51) geuka.
turn on guard duty (12) linda zamu.
turn over (34) pinduka.
TV (54) tivii.
twenty (16) ishirini, 20.
two (5) -wili.
type (24) aina.
typewriter (29) m shine, mashine ya kuandika.
typhoid fever (55) homa ya taifodi.

U

Uganda, capital (14) Kampala.
unable (42) shindwa.
underhand (51) chini chini.
underneath (7) chini ya.(under)
understand (45) fahamu.
uniform (51) nguo za rasmi.
untie (3) fungua.
until (2) hata.
upright (55) wima.
urinate (55) kojoa.
use (20) tumia.
  useful item (22) kifaa.
utensil (19) chombo.

V

valley (49) bonde.
variety (24) aina, (22) namna.
varying (22) mbalimbali.
vegetables (50) mboga.
vehicle (motor) (9) motokaa, gari.
very (7) sana.
  very much (39) mno.
vessel (19) chombo.
village (38) kijiji.
visit (39) tembelea.
visitor (3) mgeni.
visible (18) onekana.
voice (15) sauti.

W

wait (9) ngoja.
  wait for (36) ngojea.
waiter (50) mtumishi.
walk (8) tembea.
want (3) taka.
war (55) vita.
warn (34) onya.
wash (10) nawa.
watch, clock, n. (10) saa.
watch, v. (10) angalia.
watchman (12) mlinzi.
water (24) maji.
wave (47) wimbi.
way (25) njia.
we (5) sisi, tu- (prefix).
weapon (13) silaha.
wear clothes (19) vaa.
Wednesday (31) Jumatano.
week (26) wiki, (31) juma.
weigh (20) pima.
well (10) vizuri.
  well, be well (2) -zima.
West (35) Mangaribi.
what?(3) nini?
  what sort (4) gani?
  what kind (4) gani?
where?(4) wapi?
which?(44) -pi?
white (22) -eupe.
who?(1) nani?
whole day long (46) mchana kutwa.
why?(17) mbona? kwa nini? (3).
wide (11) -pana.
wife (19) mke.
win (28) shinda.
wind (32) upepo.

window (34) dirisha.
wire (46) waya.
wish (3) taka.
without (18) bila.
  without fail (54) haikosi.
witness (33) shahidi.
woman (20) mwanamke.
work (4) kazi, fanya kazi, v.
world (54) dunia.
worship (31) abudu, v.
wound (34) jeraha, (21) kidonda.
write (22) andika.

## Y

year (24) mwaka.
yellow (22) kimanjano.
yes (1) ndio.
yesterday (15) jana.
you (1) wewe, u- (prefix).
you, pl. (5) ninyi, m- (prefix).
your (9) -ako.
your, pl. (26) -enu.
youth (26) kijana.

## Z

Zanzibar, capital - Zanzibar
(Unguja).